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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

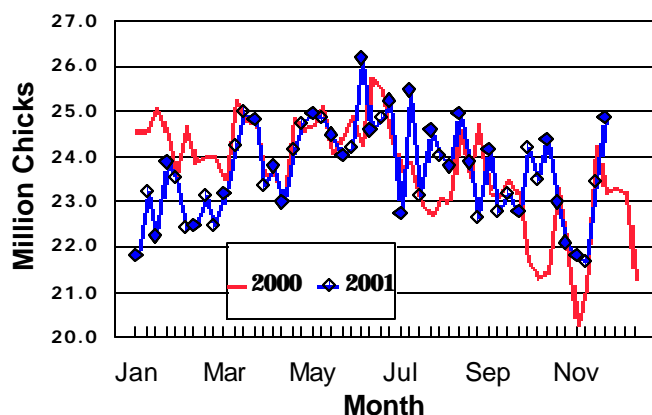
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.9 million during the week ending December 8, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 6 percent above the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 8, 2001 were 1.16 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.1 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and slightly above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.1 percent.

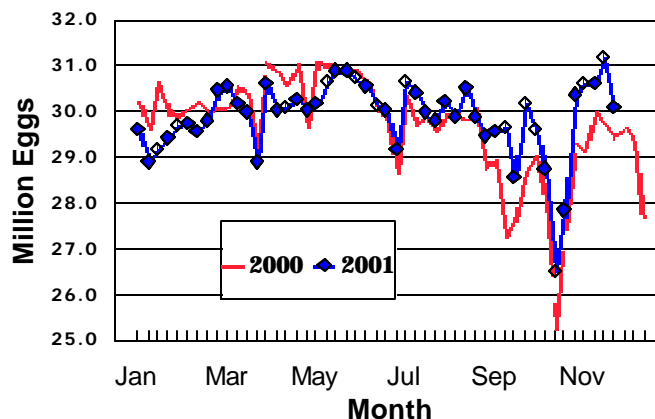
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 8, 2001, up 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent below the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Nov. 3	23,339	23,027	99	24,071	24,599	102	27,417	27,837	102
Nov. 10	22,178	22,127	100	23,370	23,854	102	29,319	30,372	104
Nov. 17	20,293	21,833	108	21,014	21,976	105	29,150	30,589	105
Nov. 24	21,146	21,689	103	22,411	23,031	103	29,980	30,582	102
Dec. 1	24,253	23,473	97	24,418	25,060	103	29,753	31,179	105
Dec. 8	23,217	24,860	107	24,193	25,111	104	29,442	30,081	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	17-Nov	24-Nov	01-Dec	08-Dec	%	03-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	01-Dec	08-Dec	%
Alabama	29,254 *	28,678	29,219 *	29,301	108	20,977 *	20,256	18,995	20,473 *	21,412 *	21,853	105
ARKANSAS	30,589	30,582	31,179	30,081	102	23,027	22,127	21,833	21,689	23,473	24,860	107
Delaware	3,443	3,477	3,617	3,560	90	4,391	4,518	5,570	4,764	5,324	4,508	110
Florida	2,254	2,358	2,306	2,310	94	2,309	2,096	2,218	2,516	2,143	2,523	122
Georgia	31,504 *	30,653	32,527	30,928	100	24,990	23,173	23,937	23,241	25,081 *	25,481	108
Maryland	8,499 *	8,854	10,002	7,409	91	5,068	5,584	4,262	5,321	5,599	5,627	97
Mississippi	18,290	18,060	18,501	18,658	103	14,345	13,333	13,886	15,292	14,461	15,427	103
N. Carolina	17,563 *	18,240 *	19,760 *	17,848	105	13,410	12,959	13,361	14,375 *	14,853 *	14,597	106
Pennsylvania	3,840	3,822	3,880 *	3,786	107	2,641	2,496	2,563	2,438 *	2,842 *	2,905	104
S. Carolina	4,689	4,642	4,710	4,690	101	3,701	3,679	3,266	3,755	4,229	3,756	77
Texas	14,164	14,586	14,833	14,934	103	11,281	10,136	9,523	11,157	11,452	11,242	99
Virginia	6,611	6,503	6,559	6,537	115	5,785	4,897	4,838	4,741	4,931	5,076	93
CA TN & W VA	10,697	10,716	11,081	10,472	95	8,821	9,241	9,086	9,533	9,770 *	9,659	93
Total 2001	181,397 *	181,171 *	188,174 *	180,514		140,746 *	134,495	133,338	139,295 *	145,570 *	147,514	
Total 2000	177,548	180,652	180,423	176,288		136,698	130,622	128,656	134,733	144,183	143,211	
% PREV. YEAR	102	100	104	102		103	103	104	103	101	103	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001- 2002.....						22-Dec	29-Dec	05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	5,089 *	4,783 *	5,283 *	5,009	--	3,652 *	3,742 *	3,704 *	3,935 *	4,046 *	4,056	--
*Oklahoma	6,435	6,413	6,375	6,357	--	4,546	4,819	4,074	4,293	5,677	5,225	--
*LA & MO	9,637	8,959	9,821	8,814	--	9,424	9,040	8,570	9,224	8,758	8,148	--
19 StateTotal	202,558 *	201,326 *	209,653 *	200,694		158,368 *	152,096 *	149,686 *	156,747 *	164,051 *	164,943	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 181 million eggs during the week ending December 8, 2001. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 8, 2001 were 7.16 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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